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1. Production at the Fraureuth ball bearing works is progressing smoothly at the moment. Supplies of materials for one or two months are assured. An order is on hand from Poland for 450,000 bearings of various sizes, to be delivered over a period of four months. The order probably will be completed sooner, because there are large quantities of bearings in store which can be shipped out as far as they are suitable for the Polish order. Poland will deliver materials, especially chrome steel. The Max-Hütte at Unterwellenborn has also delivered steel, but this is not to be used for export orders according to instructions from the Ministry for Machine Construction. It is reported that this steel is too brittle.
2. In the Sodet one, about 3,500 bearings have been delivered in the past month to Bleichert of Leipzig and Polysius of Dessau. Bearings with diameters from 1 cm to 2.5 cm are delivered to a works in Freiburg, Saxony, which uses them in precision drills. These bearings are made with molded composition cages. About 6,000 such small bearings have been delivered to this works during the past two months.

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